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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 132

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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Mr. Wendell Marlowe,
Principal of Lakeview Elementary School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators and administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wendell Marlowe is one such estimable administrator and former educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marlowe serves as Principal of the Lakeview Elementary School in West Wilson County; Lakeview Elementary was recently named as the top-ranked elementary school in the State; and

WHEREAS, The stated mission of Lakeview Elementary School is: to provide students an educational experience which facilitates intellectual, aesthetic, social, emotional, and physical growth and to encourage students to develop their talents to the greatest degree possible so that they are responsible citizens, live meaningful lives, and are lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for being a fair, community-oriented school that has excelled under the guidance of the current administration, Lakeview Elementary School has historically been "the first" in many achievements: Lakeview was the first elementary school in Wilson County to be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the first elementary school in Wilson County to have all its classrooms connected by a computer network; Lakeview served as a state pilot school for a multi-age program, which was subsequently implemented all the school's Kindergarten through Third grade classes; and

WHEREAS, With this excellent history, it is nothing new for Lakeview to be first again; Lakeview Elementary School not only scored the highest elementary school marks in Wilson County and the Midstate area, but the school also achieved the highest score among 1,600 schools throughout Tennessee on the state report card; and

WHEREAS, In the recently issued state report card on schools across Tennessee, Wilson County's Lakeview Elementary School posted the remarkable grades of ten As and one B in achievement and value-added test scores; and

WHEREAS, The Lakeview School, encompassing grades Kindergarten through 6th grade, is comprised of 650 children and 41 teachers; Lakeview posted "Exemplary" achievement test and value-added test scores for Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies; and

WHEREAS, In regard to the school's high standing, Mr. Marlowe humbly confers all of the credit upon the school's staff and teachers who take their jobs very seriously and the excellent parental participation throughout the community; Mr. Marlowe is well-known for respecting his faculty and staff and giving them room to express themselves; it has been stated that he is "anything but a dictator"; and

WHEREAS, His successful leadership has certainly been of great benefit to the school, as there is a very low turnover rate among students and teachers alike at Lakeview Elementary; Mr. Marlowe has been a positive influence upon so many lives, both young and old; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Marlowe earned a B.S. degree from Trevecca Nazarene College, and a M.Ed. degree from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Prior to assuming the reins of leadership as Principal of Lakeview Elementary, Mr. Marlowe taught Math at Mt. Juliet Junior High School for eight years; he came to Lakeview in 1987, first serving as Assistant Principal before being promoted to the important position of Principal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marlowe also serves as the head of the Wilson County School Principals Association; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time he enjoys restoring and racing classic cars and participating in county government; for the past six years, he has served with probity as the County Commissioner for District 1, demonstrating through the stalwart performance of his duties that he cares deeply about the community in which he both lives and works; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marlowe is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students, faculty, staff, and his students' parents to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marlowe truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, His many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Marlowe is most appreciative of the love, support and companionship he shares with his wife of 24 years, Sheila; they have been blessed with two sons, Patrick and Josh; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marlowe truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated educator/administrator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Wendell Marlowe, Principal of the

Lakeview Elementary School, upon the school's most recent achievement of scoring the highest marks of any elementary school on the statewide school report card, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.